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b. List early handicrafts that developed into income producers. Describe them and the reasons for their growth in importance. How were the early settlers able to obtain services rendered by blacksmith, veterinarian, miller, etc? What makeshift and manner was first adopted? When did specialists in these fields appear? Where did they locate?

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